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## TRUSTEES' MEETING

Friday, November 29, 1912.  
Members and officers all present. Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

At request of delegation of parties interested, the ordinance of intention to open Acacia Street through to Central Avenue, read a first time at last regular meeting, was laid over for one week, for an opportunity to enlist the co-operation of one more party in the enterprise. Proceedings for improvement of the street west of Brand Boulevard continued indefinitely.

Mr. Burns, of the Pacific Light and Power Corporation submitted an application for the sale by the City of a franchise to lay wire and poles on the streets and alleys and other places in the City for electric lighting and power purposes. Application granted. Publication of the notice of sale in the Tropico Interurban Sentinel will be found on another page of this paper.

Finishing it necessary, under the law, to furnish the inhabitants of the City with electric light and power as promised concurrently with its contract for lighting the streets of the City with electricity extending into the limits of the City beyond the existing system, to have a franchise therefor, the application referred to is made.

That there may be no delay in providing the service, at any time and whenever or wherever desired, a resolution was adopted permitting installations at once, under the supervision and with the permit of the City Building and Electric Wiring Inspector.

Mr. Stein and others on Acacia Avenue complaining of a slight of the work in the improvement of that street were notified to meet the Board of Public Works at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, for the purpose of inspecting the work complained of.

Resolutions approving the map and special specifications for the improvement of Glendale Avenue along the frontage of the Public School grounds were submitted by the City Engineer, were adopted and map and specifications filed.

Resolution of intention to improve the portion of Glendale Avenue along the frontage of these grounds read and adopted. Resolution on another page.

## WILL SOON BE FINISHED

The new system of highways in Los Angeles County is practically complete, according to an announcement made by F. H. Joyner, chief highway engineer. Mr. Joyner stated that the new system will be actually finished July 1, 1913. It is planned to hold a celebration at that time.

## THE BIG TEJUNGA'S

CONSERVATION DAM  
The submerged concrete dam being built by the Tejuanga Power and Water Company at the Narrows, in the Big Tejuanga Canyon is now built to within three feet of the level of the riverbed. When completed it will be one hundred and fifty feet in height, the submerged portion being twenty feet. —San Fernando Democrat.

See that notice of Martin's Sale in another column of this paper.

## WATER MEETING AT VAN NUYS

We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting at Van Nuys on Thursday, December 5, at 2 p. m. to discuss plans for securing the Owens river aqueduct water. All towns and communities are requested to send delegates or representatives authorized to express the sentiment of their sections on annexation to the city and other matters pertaining to the water question. A general invitation is also extended to everybody.

## WONDERFUL STEREOPTICON STORY

One of the most remarkable chapters in the history of modern missions is the work of William Merrell Vorles in Japan.

In seven years a great work has been established abroad, and the faith of thousands at home strengthened because of the answers to prayer and very evident working of the spirit of righteousness in the neglected province of Omi.

In a few short years buildings have been erected; some of the converts have been put to work and an undertaking of great proportions is being effectively carried on.

The point of all this is that the people of Tropico are to have the opportunity of learning more intimately of this, one of the mighty reforms of which we hear so much as going on in Japan.

Messrs. Fred Thorn, who has worked with Mr. Vorles in Japan, and A. C. Terrill, who is intimately acquainted with that great worker for the Master and his work, will give a stereopticon illustration and talk, next Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church auditorium in which the unfolding and progress of the work will be vividly traced. The pictures to be shown were taken, for the most part, by Mr. Thorn and are glowing with scenes from an interesting life. All are invited. Seats free.

## TROPICO GRAMMAR

### AT GLENDALE HIGH

The auditorium of the Union High School of Glendale was filled to its utmost capacity on Thanksgiving eve with the pupils and patrons of the public school of Tropico, the occasion being the rendition of an entertaining program, chiefly by the small people of the school under the direction of the principal, Mrs. Martha M. McClure, and her corps of assistants. Part I of the program was as follows:

Recitation, "I Don't Care," Willie Reynolds; recitation, "At School and At Home," Julia Steelman; group of Flower Songs, Second Grade; "The Inquisitive Pumpkins," four Fourth Grade boys; recitation, "He Didn't Think," Abraham Smith; "Farmyard Song," Grief, Dorothy Carmack; recitation, "Three Little Children," Gladys Martin; "The Marching Song" from Hansel and Gretel, Third Grade; recitation, "I Don't Know Why," Eleanor Bradford; recitation, "Ten Tiny Walnuts," Earl Clemens; "Topsy Turvy," Fifth Grade boys; Mark Twain and the European Guide, Harold Benner, Charlie Planders; Our Patriotic Songs, five girls; recitation, "Tommy's Thanksgiving Dinner," James Utter; two scenes from William Green Hill and his Aunt Minerva, first, A Transaction in Mumps; second, Pretending Reality; recitation, "Sunny Jim's Philosophy," Floyd Carmack.

The sixteen separate and distinct stagings passed in rapid succession, without a hitch or a lag, and all too quickly for their full enjoyment. There was pith and point in every sentence. It was just one quick flash of fun, sense and sentiment after another. Entirely original in its varying features it was entirely different from the ordinary run of school exhibitions, and so was thoroughly enjoyable and enjoyed.

The program of Part II, a bit more classic, or "tony" if you please, was as follows:

Lantern Drill, Seventh and Eighth Grade girls, Lucile Bondy at piano; music, "The March of the Chrysanthemums," Lucile Bondy; reading, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," Miss Anna St. John; vocal solo, Miss Helen Beatrice Cooper, (a) "Musetta Waltz

Song," La Boheme—Puccini; (b) "I Once Had a Sweet Little Doll Dears," E. Novin; (c) "The Moon Man," G. Schaefer.

The parts by the girls of the Seventh and Eighth Grades were by a bevy of beauties in a maze of the brightest hues with grace and rhythm in every motion.

Miss St. John and Miss Cooper were each given an encore and floral tributes of rare beauty.

It was all very delightful.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

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that be: that Tropico's distributing system be connected up with its source of supply in Verdugo Canyon by means of an independent main equal to the needed limit of high pressure service. We must have such a main sooner or later, whether for a supply from the aqueduct or the canyon; so why not go for it now? Get it, and connect it onto our old distributing system. If it won't stand it and bursts, the sooner we know it the better it will be for us. We will then go to work and put in a distributing system that will answer the demands of the people without a doubt. Here is a chance for help from the Civic Club.

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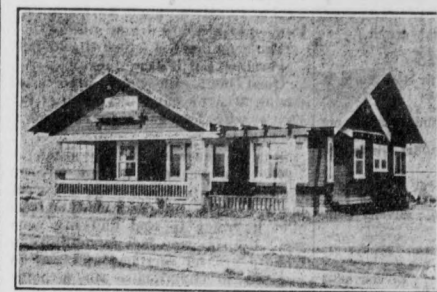
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"No Trespassing," (Comedy).  
"At the Burglar's Command," (Drama).  
"Coronets and Hearts," (Drama).

Friday and Saturday

"The Physician of Silver Gulch," (Western Drama).  
"A Ten-Karat Hero," (Comedy).  
"Memories," (American Drama).

Next Monday and Tuesday

"Mixed Sample Trunk," (Comedy Drama).  
"So Near and Yet So Far," (Drama).  
"Lightning Paper Hanger," (Comedy).  
Havana and Its Buildings, (Travel).

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## C. B



# The Root of Evil

By THOMAS DIXON

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(Continued from last week.)

## SYNOPSIS

Stuart, southern lawyer in New York, is in love with Nan Primrose. His friend, Dr. Woodman, who has a young daughter, is threatened with the loss of his drug business by Bivens, whom he befriended years before. Stuart visits the Primroses.

Nan wants Stuart to accept a place with Bivens' chemical trust. He dislikes Bivens' methods and refuses. Bivens calls on him.

Bivens is in love with Nan. Stuart refuses the offer, and Nan breaks her engagement with the lawyer. Bivens asks Woodman to enter the trust.

Woodman will not yield and sues Bivens' company. The promoter tells the doctor he and Nan are engaged. Harriet Woodman is studying music. Stuart takes Nan for a day in the country.

Stuart pleads with Nan to give up Bivens, but the spell of millions is on her and she yields to it.

Nan becomes Mrs. Bivens. Harriet loves Stuart, but he does not know it. Nine years pass. Stuart becomes district attorney. He investigates criminal trusts. Nan asks him to wait.

Stuart wants Woodman to end his suit against Bivens, but the doctor stands firm. Bivens aids Stuart in his investigation of crooked financiers.

"So you have said again and again, my boy," was the good natured reply, "but his sudden terror and this offer show that we have won already, and he knows it. Bivens has seen the handwriting on the wall. When the American people are once aroused their wrath will sweep the trusts into the bottomless pit."

"Bivens isn't worrying about the people or their wrath."

"Then it's time he began," the doctor cried. "Mark my word, the day of the common people has dawned. This mad sill of the world has learned to read and write and begun to think. He will never be content again until he turns the world upside down."

"But you must consider this offer. You have too much at stake. Your factory has been closed for five years. Your store has been sold, your business ruined, and you are fighting to pay the interest on your debts. I've seen you growing poorer daily until you have turned your home into a lodging house and filled it with strangers."

"I've enjoyed knowing them. My sympathies have been made larger."

"But this battle yours alone, doctor? You are but one among millions. You are trying to bear the burden of all. Have you counted the cost? Harriet's course in music will continue two years longer. The last year she must spend abroad. Her expenses will be great. This settlement is a generous one, no matter what Bivens' motive."

"I can't compromise with a man who has crushed my business by a conspiracy of organized blackmail."

"Oh, come, come, doctor, talk common sense. You were not crushed by blackmail. You were crushed by a law of progress as resistless as the law of gravity."

"If the law of gravity is unjust it will be abolished. I can't compromise."



"The last tribunal will give you nothing."

With Bivens. I refuse his generosity. I'll take only what the last tribunal of the people shall give me—justice."

"The last tribunal of the people will give you nothing," the lawyer said emphatically.

"I'll stand or fall with it. I make common cause with the people. I know that Bivens is a power now. He chooses judges, defies the law, bribes legislatures and city councils and imagines that he rules the nation. But the Napoleons of finance today will be wearing stripes in Sing Sing tomorrow. A despotism of money can not be fastened on the people of America."

Only a few years ago a great millionaire who lived in a palace on Fifth avenue boldly said to a newspaper reporter, "The public be damned! Times have changed. The millions have begun to buy the newspapers and beg for public favor. We are walking on the crust of a volcano of public wrath. I am content to live and fight for the right, win or lose, and play my little part in this mighty drama!"

"I had hoped you were tired of fighting a losing battle."

"I'll fight this battle to a finish and I'll win. If God lives I'll win—I'm so sure of it, my boy."

The doctor paused and his eyes flashed.

"I'm so sure of it that I'm not only going to refuse this bribe from Bivens, but my answer will be a harder blow. I'm going to begin another bigger and more important suit for the dissolution of the American chemical trust."

Stuart slipped his arm around the older man with a movement of instinctive tenderness.

"Look here, doctor, I've lived in your home for fourteen years and I've grown to love you as my own father. You must listen to me now. I can give no time to your suit. I am just entering on a great struggle for the people. Tremendous issues are at stake."

"You'll go down a wreck if you fail."

"Perhaps, but it's my duty."

"Good boy!" the older man cried, seizing Stuart's hand. "You can't fail. That's why I'm going to risk all in my fight."

"But the cases are not the same."

"No, I'm old and played-out—my life's sands are nearly run. I haven't much to risk—but such as I have I offer it freely to God and my country. I envy you the opportunity to make a greater sacrifice—and you can advise me to compromise for a paltry sum of money a righteous cause merely to save my own skin. I'm proud of you—proud that you live in my house, proud that I've known and loved you, and tried to teach you the joy and the foolishness of throwing your life away."

With a wave of his hand the staid figure of the old man passed out and left him brooding in sorrowful silence.

He seized his pen at last, set his face like flint and resolutely wrote his answer:

Dear Nan—Your letter is very kind. I'll be honest and tell you that it has stirred memories I've tried to kill and can't I hate to say no, but I must. Sincerely, JIM

On the night following Stuart worked late in his office developing his great case. He was disappointed in the final showing of the evidence to be presented to the grand jury. His facts were not as strong as he expected to make them.

At 10 o'clock he quit work and hurried home to refresh his tired spirit with Harriet's music. As he hurried up the steps he nearly collided with a handsome young fellow just emerging from the door. He was dressed well, and he had evidently been calling on some one—perhaps on Harriet!

Stuart let himself in softly and started at the sight of Harriet's smiling face in the parlor doorway. His worst fears were confirmed. She was dressed in a dainty evening gown and had evidently enjoyed her visitor.

Stuart pretended not to notice the fact and asked her to play. As he began to dream and watching the rhythmic movement of her delicate hands he began to realize at last that his little pal, staid, stodgy, red haired and free kled, had silently and mysteriously grown into a charming woman. She was twenty-four now, in the pride and glory of perfect young womanhood, and yet she had no lovers. He wondered why. Her music, of course, it had been the one absorbing passion of life. And her eyes had always sparkled with deep joy at his slightest word of praise. For the first time it had occurred to him as an immediate possibility that she might marry and their lives drift apart.

A sweet comradeship had grown between them. He resented the idea of a break in their relations. Yet why should he? What rights had he over her life? Absolutely none, of course. Who was that fellow? Where had he met him before?

He rose with a sudden frown. Sure as fate—the very boy—the tall, dreamy looking youngster who danced with her so many times that night ten years ago at her birthday party! She said he was too frail—that her prince must be strong. Well, confound him, he had got strong.

Stuart said, with a studied indifference:

"Tell me, little pal, who was that tall young fellow I ran into on the steps?"

"Why, don't you remember my frail young admirer of long ago?"

"Do you love him, girl?"

"Yes, very, very young, I thought I did. It makes me laugh now. It's wonderful how much we can outgrow, isn't it?"

"I just don't like him, and I don't want you to like him. You see, little pal, I'm your guardian."

"Are you?"

"Yes, and I'm giving you due legal notice that you have no right to marry without my consent—you promise to make me your confidant?"

A soft laugh, full of tenderness and joy, came from the girl as she turned her eyes upward for the first time:

"All right, guardian, I'll confer with you on that occasion."

CHAPTER VIII.  
A Straight Tip.

NAN received the announcement of Bivens' failure to settle Woodman's suit with a grim resolution to win now, at all hazards. The sensational reports of Stuart's action against the big financiers had given her quick mind the cue to a new line of stratagem. She began cautiously:

"You are not going to give up a thing I've set my heart on merely because old Woodman's a fool, are you?" she asked her husband, with a touch of scorn. "Jim Stuart is the best friend you ever had. He has become one of the most famous men in America. I want him at our next entertainment."

"The thing that puzzles me," Bivens broke in, "is why he will not come to the house. When I meet him down town he's always friendly."

Nan's lips quivered with a queer little smile.

"Will he succeed in this action against these men?"

"No; he can't get the facts. If he could he'd shake the foundations of the financial world."

"Why not give the facts to him?"

"I had thought of that, but it might bring on a panic."

"What have you to lose by it?"

"Nothing, but a panic's a dangerous thing to monkey with."

"It couldn't injure Stuart?" his wife asked cautiously.

"No. It couldn't hurt him. On the other hand, I might make him the unconscious instrument of a great personal vengeance, double my fortune and possibly land Jim in the White House."

"You must do it, dear," his wife cried, trembling with suppressed excitement.

"It's playing with dynamite."

"It's worth the risk to double your fortune. Do it for my sake!"

Nan leaned close and pressed her husband's hand while her dark eyes found their way into his heart.

"I'll do it," he said with firm accent. "I'll phone him at once."

When Stuart sat down with Bivens in one of the magnificent private dining rooms of his millionaire club two days later he was struck with the perfection of the financier's dress and the ease elegance of his manners.

"Nan has surely done wonders with some pretty crude material," he mused. He recalled Nan's diary with grim amusement.

It took two years to thoroughly break him so that she could always be sure that his nails were trimmed and his clothes in perfect style. He had long since ceased to struggle and had found much happiness of late years in vying with her in the perfection of his personal appearance.

When the dinner was finished Bivens dismissed the waiter, lighted one of his huge cigars and drew from a moose case which he placed beside his chair a typewritten manuscript. He turned its leaves thoughtfully a moment and handed them to Stuart.

"There's a document, Jim, that cost me \$10,000 to prepare; for whose suppression \$1,000,000 would be paid and no questions asked."

"But why this generosity on your part, Cal?"

"I have anticipated that question. I answer it fully and frankly. There is enough dynamite in that document to blow up half of Wall Street and land somebody in the White House."

"And many in the morgue?"

"And some in the penitentiary. I've watched your work the past nine years with genuine pride, Jim. You've said a lot of hard things about rich malfeasants, but you've never touched me."

"No, I think you're too shrewd to be caught in that class, Cal."

"I pride myself that I am. It's only the clumsy fool who gets tangled in the criminal law. But a lot of them have done it—big fellows whose names fill the world with noise. I've taken the pains to put into that typewritten document the names, the dates, the places, the deeds, the names of the witnesses and all the essential facts. I want you to please with it. If you do what I think you will, some men who are wearing purple and blue linen will be wearing stripes before another year and you will be the biggest man in New York."

"And your motive?"

"Perhaps I wish to get even with some men who have done me a dirty trick or two, and perhaps incidentally in the excitement which will follow this exposure of fraud and crime I may make an honest penny. Is that enough?"

"Quite."

"And you'll make the attack at once?"

Stuart glanced rapidly through the first page of the document, and his eyes began to dance with excitement.

"The only favor I ask," Bivens added, "is twenty-four hours' notice before you act."

"I'll tell you now."

"Stuart rose quickly, placed the document in his inside pocket and hurried home."

The deeper the young lawyer probed into the mass of corruption Bivens had placed in his hands the more profound became his surprise. That men whose names were the synonyms of honesty and fair dealing, men intrusted with the management of companies whose assets represented the savings of millions of poor men, the sole defense of millions of helpless women and children—that these trusted leaders of the world were habitually prostituting their trusts for personal gain, staggered him.

He delayed action and began a careful, patient, thorough investigation. As it proceeded his amazement increased. He found that Bivens had only scratched the surface of the truth.

New York, the financial center of the nation, had gone mad with the insane passion for money at all hazards—by all means, fair or foul. The nation was on the tidal wave of the most wonderful industrial boom in its history. The price of stocks had reached fabulous figures and still soared to greater heights. Millions were springing up like mushrooms in a night.

Two months had passed since Bivens placed in the district attorney's hands the document which was destined to make sad history in the annals of the metropolis. Stuart felt that the time had come to act. It was his solemn duty to the people.

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## TO SUBMIT ESTIMATES FOR LEVELING HILL

Proponents of Razing Method  
Prepare Plans for Special  
Council Committee—Tunnel  
Advocates Oppose Delay.

Plans and estimates of the cost of leveling Bunker Hill and bringing it to the grade of Hill street or lower, are well under way and it is hoped to have them completed before the proposed meeting of the special committee of the council scheduled for next Monday night. If the plans are not completed, the advocates of the hill razing proposition will ask the committee for a few days' more time.

Advocates of the plan to build tunnels at First and Second streets and at points between are holding mass meetings and probably will oppose any further delay.

It is stated that several alternative plans for razing the hill will be presented, some of which omit the Fort Moore section and others contemplating different grades.

### Cost of Leveling

Roughly speaking, the plan to level the entire hill and the one undoubtedly will be recommended to the committee, contemplates the removal of something like 20,000,000 cubic yards of earth and will cost in round numbers \$10,000,000. To offset this, it is argued that an increase in value of the property affected will amount to more than \$15,000,000.

Of the \$10,000,000, about \$5,500,000, it is estimated, will result from damages to real estate and probably \$4,500,000 will be needed to pay damages to buildings. The remainder, according to the tentative plans, will be needed in the actual work of handling the earth with explosives and steam shovels. The hydraulic method of leveling the hill, it is declared, is not feasible in the present case.

Bankers and others are working on a plan for financing the proposition and their portion of the report, it is expected, will be ready by Monday night.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## Fire Chief Requires New Speed Wagons For Battalion Heads

Council Asked to Advertise for  
Light Runabouts—Department  
Also Needs Motor Driven  
Engine and Hose Carrier.

In line with the established policy of gradually abolishing all horse drawn vehicles in the fire department for automobile apparatus, the fire commission has asked the council to advertise for bids for three small autos. These autos will be used by the assistant chief of the fire department, and the two battalion chiefs. These officials now drive specially trained horses to light buggies.

The autos are to be light, two-seated runabouts, capable of high speed. Money to purchase them was appropriated in the fire department's budget this year.

Another motor driven combination pumping engine and hose wagon is also wanted by the fire commission and specifications for it were transmitted to the council. Money for this apparatus has been appropriated.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## Chauffeurs, Ahoy! Here's Nice Position For a Brave Driver

Just Handle Patients Suffering  
With Contagious Diseases and  
Take Care of Auto—Nothing to  
Do 'Till Tomorrow.

It was a pleasant little job that was created by the city council yesterday. This job requires an expert fumigator who will be expected to enter houses where smallpox patients have been kept, remove the patient from the house to the health department ambulance, drive the ambulance, which is a motor vehicle and requires a chauffeur, to the hospital for contagious diseases, remove the patient from the ambulance, go back to the house from which the patient was removed and fumigate the premises. Between times drive the automobile of the health commissioner—and then, "there's nothing to do till tomorrow." All for \$75 a month.

Dr. Powers says he can lay his hand on just the kind of a man he wants, who will do all these things and do them for \$75 a month. The council agreed that if there was any man who wanted a job of that kind he ought to have it, and created the position.

"I notice that when we get these \$75 men it is not long until we are asked to raise their salaries," said Betkowski.

It is not likely that any civil service examination will be held by the city because of the scarcity of applicants for the job. Several experienced chauffeurs learned that the health department wanted a chauffeur and applied for the job. But when they learned of the little stipend that would be expected of them, the way they beat it out of the health commissioner's office they reminded bystanders of wild-eyed speeders.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## CONDEMNNS CANVASSERS

Superintendents of County and City  
Schools Indignant

Canvassers for educational works who have, it is alleged, represented that the works were necessary for the use of pupils in the public schools have been condemned by City Supt. Francis and County Supt. Keppel.

They both advised that the association which is seeking to sell the books has nothing to do with the schools either of city or county and that the books are not required by or incident to the courses of study.

## FREIGHT LINE GIVEN REVOCABLE FRANCHISE

Council and Railway Officials  
Finally Agree on Form of Per-  
mit for Service East of Main  
Street.

After months of consideration and after 12 different franchise drafts had been prepared by the city attorney, the council granted the Pacific Electric the right to handle freight on its lines east of Main street. The grant is in the form of a permit revocable by the city at any time on giving six months' notice.

The permit simply legalizes the practice of freight carrying, which is now being conducted by the railway company, but which has grown to such proportions that the city authorities considered regulation necessary.

Three points in the draft presented by the city attorney a week ago were modified at the request of the railway attorneys. A provision that the freight cars must be handled in trains of not to exceed three cars each was eliminated as far as it concerns the portion of Aliso street between Lyon and Anderson streets, which the company uses to transport freight received from the Southern Pacific to its private right-of-way.

Another change making the permit revocable only on six months' notice instead of without notice, was made. A third change also was made by which the company, in accepting the provisions of the permit, waived only their rights originating in the permit in question.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## Soldiers and Widows Exempted From Taxes Says City Attorney

Ruling Based on New State  
Law That No Levy Shall Be  
Made on Such Property When  
Valued at \$5000 or Less.

No soldier or other war or Spanish or other war property of \$5000 value or less, even if no exemption was asked when the assessments were made last spring.

City Attorney Shenk has so ruled and has so advised Assessors or Mallard. Shenk holds that the constitutional amendment exempting such property and that the failure of the old soldier to file an affidavit last spring does not prevent his asking a refund and that the value of the property is held, not the gross valuation.

This means that the city may be required to repay such taxes already collected from soldiers and their widows. The decision is made on the Randall amendment adopted in 1910 which exempts property of soldiers and sailors and their widows to the amount of \$5000.

## Finds Big Medicine for Weakened Spots in Trilby Rail Law

City Attorney Hopes to Work  
In Clauses That Will Put End  
To Railway Corporations Evas-  
sions.

Medicine for the "Trilby" rail law, which passed the council of referendum, is recommended by City Attorney Shenk in an amendatory ordinance sent to the board of public utilities.

Shenk finds some spots in the ordinance that have become large sized holes through which the Los Angeles railway is escaping obligations intended by the law. One is the use of the word "construction" in a manner to make "reconstruction" work of doubtful inclusion under the law. This he seeks to amend by making it read "construction, reconstruction or use" on any paved street.

Another hole is found in the language which exempts any reconstruction work of "600 feet in length." Shenk amends this to read "300 feet or less." The reduction in distance is because, he says, the company has been putting in small stretches with taboos "T" rail.

## APPLIES FOR FRANCHISE

Private Citizen Wants Permit For  
Vernon Avenue Line

Application for a street railway franchise on Vernon avenue, from where the Dalton avenue line of the Los Angeles Railway corporation intersects Vernon avenue, westerly to the city limits, was made to the council yesterday under the name of Emmett H. Wilson. The sum of \$100 was enclosed to cover costs of advertising and as an evidence of good faith.

Wilson stated that he represented property owners in the section affected, who were desirous of obtaining car service. He denied that any arrangement had been made whereby the Los Angeles railway corporation was to take over the franchise, if granted, as an extension of the Dalton avenue line. When asked if the property owners intended to operate the proposed railway as an independent line, he said he did not know but thought they might.

The application was referred to the board of public utilities.

Members of the charter board of freeholders will be present at the city club meeting next Saturday at noon in Hamburg's cafe to answer any questions relating to the proposed new city charter. It is proposed to devote the meeting to a general discussion of the proposed charter.

## POLY'S VAUDEVILLE IS HIGH CLASS PRODUCT

Students Display Great Versatil-  
ity in Sketches, Cartooning  
and Acrobatic Stunts—Japan-  
ese Gives Interesting Lecture.

### TEAM SHOWS ITS METTLE

First Tryouts for Inter-Class Debates  
Scheduled for Monday Night When  
Wranglers Will Take Up Question  
of Four Year Rule in School Ath-  
letics—Simultaneous Contests.

An audience of 1200 were delighted by the presentation, Thursday evening, of the second annual vaudeville of the Students' League, at the Polytechnic High school. It was distinctly a variety show, with plenty of laughs—even in the tragedies.

The fun started with a sketch by L. Adams and F. Burton, entitled, "The Rehearsal." This was followed by Roland Speers, Hillard Mason, Russell Moody, and Paul Manning in "The Trooper and the Niggahs."

Paul Ickes and C. Gary drew clever cartoons of prominent personalities about Poly, and illustrated their work with bright remarks that drew forth much laughter.

"The Nihilist," written by Sam Smith, and presented by him with the aid of Carol Miller, Tom Reynolds, Will Hoffman and Don Short, was a well-written and well-produced drama of Russian life.

This was followed by a "rah-rah" college play, "Buster's Billions," written especially for Allan Box, who undertook the title role of Buster.

The scene was laid in the "Kiddos" Hang-out at the Skull-and-Cross Bones Frat House.

"An Impromptu Review" of the evening's performance was given by William Pierson and John McLemore. Joe Stearn, George Green, Harry Batcheller, Don Short and Art Church came out as the Five Musical Kids.

With mandolin, banjo, ukelele, guitar and piano, they played selection after selection, and made the audience sway with the popular strains.

Ralph Haney presented his "Ten Zouaves from the Imperial Troupes of Turkish Acrobats." Human pyramids, whirlwind tumbling acts and high diving stunts were featured in quick succession.

### Japanese Lectures

A novel lecture on a most vital subject was delivered to the upper classes of the school, Thursday, when Kiyu Sui Inui, of the Japanese-American Peace League spoke on "Japan vs. America." Mr. Inui, who speaks English fluently, dwelt on the differences of the two powers, giving these as the cause of the difficulties that are said to be rising. In the course of his talk, the speaker said: "Our different view points cause doubt to arise—doubt causes suspect, and suspect causes fear. We must try to understand each other, and if it does not come we make it."

Mr. Inui concluded his arguments by saying that there was more chance of the United States using the Philippines as a base for an invasion of Japan, than there was of Japan using Mexico to aid her in invading the United States.

Next Monday try-outs will be held for the inter-class debates. The question up for discussion is: "Resolved, that while the four-year rule is in force, Polytechnic should allow only the eligible teams in athletics to represent the school." It is a question that is being discussed by everyone and many arguments pro and con to the fairness of the four-year rule are expected to come forth.

### Prepare to Debate

Veeta Willis, Franziska Wein, Earl Hanson and Vaughn Cobb will represent Polytechnic in the simultaneous debate to be held Thursday, December 6, with Santa Monica high. The subject is relative to the desirability of military training for the American youth. The first two named above will speak here, while the latter two will journey to the beach city.

Polytechnic's first rugby team met U. S. C. last Thursday, in what was termed a practice game, but which really was a hard fight for the college boys. Neither squad scored although Carl Haney of the Mechanics succeeded in carrying the ball over U. S. C.'s goal only to drop it to be picked up by Secor of the Red and Gold.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## Wanted: an Expert to Shorten Red Tape of Purchasing System

President of Board of Education  
Says New Ledgers are Used as  
Foot Rests—Retail Prices Now  
Paid for Supplies.

"We are paying retail prices for supplies," declared Commissioner Bean of the board of education, in urging expert reorganization of the board's supply department.

"I know," said Commissioner Blight, "of a bill for scissors bought at retail and I am sure standardization and wholesale purchase would have cut the bill in two."

Blight meant no joke but some laughed. President Gunn declared with some vehemence that experts recently employed on accounts had worked six months on ledgers of some new system "and the last I saw of the ledgers they were being used for foot rests."

The board instructed the purchasing committee to ascertain the cost of expert advice before it made a final recommendation. Some one is wanted who can shorten the red tape between the schools and the supply department.

Julia Pulver's petition for the vacation of a strip of land on the north side of Park terrace east of Lookout drive, was denied by the board of public works.

## Claim Storage Cars Great Improvement Over Broomstick Line

Agents of New System Would  
Save City Extra Cost For  
Overhead Construction—Every  
Coach Carries its Own Juice.

Agents of the Federal Storage Battery car have asked the city council to consider their type of car for the municipal railroad when it is constructed. They say that the use of their car will save at least \$2000 per mile in track construction alone, as no overhead trolley wires are needed, the car carrying its own "juice."

The cost of the power plant is also greatly reduced that the agents declare the use of the car will save at least one-third in the first cost of construction and a large percentage in the cost of operation. The Edison storage batteries are used.

They declare the car has been adopted by the Pennsylvania system, the Erie railroad, the Chesapeake and Ohio, Chicago Great Western, United Railways of Cuba and other street and interurban lines.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## IS SPEED ORDINANCE VALUABLE FRANCHISE?

Whether the city is about to give away to the Pacific Electric a valuable franchise in the form of an ordinance recently passed and which allows the company to increase its speed on West Sixteenth street from eight to twenty miles an hour, was the question passed up to the city attorney for solution by the board of public utilities.

The question was brought up by Robert G. Loucks, who appeared before the board armed with arguments to convince the board that the city was giving away the people's rights.

The company feared that running its cars at the eight to ten miles prescribed in the franchise might jeopardize its franchise and asked the council to amend it to permit a maximum speed of twenty miles an hour. Loucks claims that the company did not have a franchise to cross certain streets west of Pacific avenue and that the ordinance allowing an increase of speed was, in effect, a franchise.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## COMPLAIN OF SERVICE

Residents Say Water Was Shut Off  
Without Notice

Water service in the section between Slauson and Florence avenues was brought to the attention of the board of public utilities again by complaints from the residents that the water was recently shut off more than four hours. The Hawthorne Water company, a private concern, supplies this district.

It is declared a public schoolhouse at Sixty-eighth and Estrella was entirely without water for the four hours, there not being enough for the 1500 pupils to drink.

Engineers from the board who investigated, found that the company was lowering its mains in a street about to be improved and had shut off the water while doing this.

Because the council has failed to take action on a proposed ordinance making it a misdemeanor to shut off the water without obtaining a permit, the board concluded that there was no way of punishing the officials of the company. The occurrence, however, reopened the old subject of the inadequate service caused by small mains and insufficient equipment.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## Owl Car Concessions Do Not Meet Demands of Commissioners

Board of Public Utilities Not  
Satisfied With Few Additions  
to Schedule—Will Urge Later  
Service on Other Lines.

By agreeing to add cars leaving the downtown section at 3 o'clock a. m. on several of the yellow lines, the Los Angeles Railway corporation has taken one step towards solving the owl question, which was brought to public attention by an editorial in the Municipal News.

The board of public utilities, however, is not satisfied with the proposed additions, and will work for further extensions of the service by asking for cars on more lines to continue the service to all parts of the city, at least hourly, until the regular service begins in the morning.

The new service, which the company agrees to install beginning Dec. 1, according to a letter to the board, contemplates cars at 1, 2 and 3 o'clock on the following lines:

Boyle Heights and West Seventh, Pico Heights, University and Central, Grand avenue and North Broadway, Main street, Temple street and West Adams street.

On most of these lines, the company already has cars leaving downtown at 1 and 2 o'clock.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## FRANCHISE IS GRANTED

Council Awards Permit for South  
Main Street Line.

With Councilman Reed voting "no," the council yesterday passed the ordinance awarding to Henry W. Denison a franchise for a street railway line on South Main street from Slauson to Manchester.

It now is up to Denison, representing the property owners, to arrange with the Los Angeles Railway corporation to pay for the paving between the tracks, after which, it is said, the railway company is to take over the franchise and construct the line.

The franchise is for 21 years and does not contain an indeterminate provision. It was opposed by Reed for this reason.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

## MANUAL ARTS GIRLS GIVE HIGH LINKS PARTY

Members of Faculty are Guests  
of Eleventh Grade Misses Who  
Render Delightful Program—  
German Club Entertains.

### TENNIS BONDS ARE SOLD

Team Puts Up Game Fight but Meets  
Defeat When Cliffdivers Rugged  
Ruggers Score—One More Game  
Will End Season—Basket Ball  
Bunch Ready for Training.

Girls of the eleventh grade at Manual Arts high school entertained the members of the B9 classes on Friday at a jolly "high links" party in the gymnasium. The delightful program, including exhibitions by the fancy dancing class, songs by the Glee club, and games. The following members of the faculty were guests: Misses Bary P. Putnam, Grace Lavayea, Maude Howell and Mrs. Marion Morgan.

Members of the German club received their friends and teachers at a delightful dancing party given Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium. Following the dancing a dainty "Dutch luncheon" was served.

Tennis aspirants will no longer be forced to display their skill on dirt courts. The student body organization is installing two large cement tennis courts. Eight hundred dollars' worth of tennis bonds have been issued by the treasurer of the student body. These are being purchased by the students. The bonds will pay eight per cent interest.

Losses to L. A. High

Two large rugby rallies were held last week in preparation for the championship game which was played Wednesday with L. A. High.

An large crowd of enthusiasts packed the bleachers and sidelines at Boyard field when Manual Arts and L. A. High school locked horns to decide the city championship. The Manual Arts boys played desperately throughout, but they were outclassed by the superior team work of the hill-top rugger, who won by the score of 6 to 0.

On Thanksgiving day Manual Arts will play Redlands high at Redlands and the following week the Citrus belt men will play here. These games will complete the rugby season for the two schools.

In a one-sided contest Saturday the Manual Arts second team trimmed San Pedro high by a score of 44 to 0. The harbor city boys were game but they could do nothing against the fast Manual squad which has not been defeated in a season.

The first basket ball game of the season was played with the fast Y. M. C. A. team Thursday afternoon. Despite the loss of Capt. Greenbaum, the high school men put up a game fight. Basket ball has just begun and as soon as the rugby season closes C. H. Bliese will coach the "Five."

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